

Dear Resident Educator Program Coordinator:

We have received several questions related to the Ohio Resident Educator Program, so we thought it best to update all program coordinators at the same time through this communication.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine made an unprecedented announcement ordering all of Ohio's public, community and private K-12 school buildings to be closed to students due to the ongoing coronavirus health crisis. On March 30, the Governor extended the school-building closure through May 1, 2020.

### **Program Requirements Are Unchanged**

The requirements for the Ohio Resident Educator Program can be found [here](#). During the program, Resident Educators must successfully complete the following:

- Mentoring and counseling during Years 1 and 2 of the program;
- Focused mentoring;
- The Resident Educator Summative Assessment;
- The locally required program activities; and
- Teach for four years in the area of the Resident Educator's license.

### **Annual Credit**

In order to receive credit for each year of teaching in the program, a Resident Educator must provide instruction in the area of their licensure for a minimum of 120-days. While many teachers met this 120-day threshold by March 13, late hires may not have. As long as these Resident Educators continue to work to provide learning opportunities for students, through alternative methods acceptable to their school or district, these days may be considered towards the 120-days of teaching requirement during the ordered school-building closure.

### **Local Resident Educator Program Requirements**

Schools and districts have their own local Resident Educator Program requirements which are determined at the local level. Schools and districts may have adopted their own policies and procedures regarding these local activities, requirements, and expectations for Resident Educators to complete during each program year. During Ohio's ordered school-building closure, some local program activities, requirements, and expectations may need to be revised. We understand the need for flexibility during this public crisis, yet we ask that program coordinators strive to maintain the quality of the local program. Therefore, we suggest school and district administrators use their best judgment regarding modifications to their local Resident Educator Program and their local activities, requirements, and expectations of Resident Educators.

### **Completion Criteria Window in CORE**

The Resident Educator Program Completion Criteria submission window remains unchanged. The submission window in CORE remains open until May 31, 2020.

**RESA Score Reports**

The RESA score reports will be released on April 24, 2020.

Please feel free to contact the Ohio Resident Educator Team at [REProgram@education.ohio.gov](mailto:REProgram@education.ohio.gov) if you have questions or concerns.

Sending you our best,

The Ohio Resident Educator Team